

Friends of Potato Creek State Park Board Meeting Minutes
2/19/08 Location: PCSP Nature Center

Attendees:

Kathy Serrat
Tim Cordell
Brian Krueger
Ralph Champion
Jim Rahilly
John Richardson
Mark Daily
Linda Matzat

Brian called the meeting to order at 9:04 PM.

Treasurer's report:

Taxes are due around July 15th. We have plenty of time to complete. Jim bought John Quicken software for \$59.00. This should really help simplify the bookkeeping.

There are no updates on grants other than John agreed to write the grant proposal for Bosch.

Bank stabilization project: Permits are in the works. Most of the money will be spent in May. This project begins on April 19th.

Special events update: For the **Egg hunt** event, Anna asked for funding. John motioned and Ralph seconded \$150.00 for the event. John will issue a check to Anna and she can turn in the receipts. Anna is actively seeking donations for the Egg hunt. We will charge 1.00 for each participant to help defray costs. Anna will present a yearly special events budget at the Board meeting next month. For the **Stories around the Campfire** event, it was decided not to use a professional storyteller due to costs. Linda priced storytellers, the costs were \$125.00 – \$200.00. We decided to save the money and just do some story sharing at the campfire. A **lake cleanup** event is possible this fall, to be determined later. The **garlic mustard pull** has been added to the event calendar for 4/26. We will combine it with Wildflower Day at the Park.

Insurance: After some discussion, it was decided that we will pay once per year for ease of bookkeeping and it will also save us some money. A year's premium is about \$481.00.

Newsletter: The Newsletter has been sent out. We will target publishing a newsletter 3 times per year. Next one is due in the April/May timeframe.

New business: The town of North Liberty has sent the Park a letter asking if we would like to have a booth in the annual town festival. After much discussion, it was decided that the booth had very little payback in the past for the number of hours invested. Brian and Anna offered to share a part of their craft booth at the same event for Friends brochures and information. Tim reported that the Park is setting their 2009-2011 budget now and asked if the Friends Group had any funds available for Park projects. We have 2 end of year giving donations earmarked for special projects, one is a snake skeleton display which Tim will order and the other was a gift for wetland work. It has yet to be determined how that will be spent. Because these are the only 2 earmarked projects, we may be able to help with something.

Elections: Tim will develop a ballot for next month's elections. The general membership will elect 4 members and then the Board chooses the members for the open positions. Blank nomination slips will be available at the Board meeting.

Kathy will send out reminders in the next meeting reminder notice that membership dues are due 4/1.

We will solicit input from the general membership in next month's meeting for some ideas about special events and future direction of the Friends Group.

Minutes approved, meeting adjourned.